

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to amendments/arguments filed 11/24/2009.

Currently, claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 11-15 are pending in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 11-15 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a wound dressing have a therapeutic agent position behind apertures in the wound contact surface that are blocked by biodegradable material, and when the biodegradable material erodes, the therapeutic agent still does not pass through the apertures or contact the wound surface.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRANDON JACKSON whose telephone number is (571)272-3414. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patricia Bianco can be reached on (571)272-4940. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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